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## THEY HAVE MORE THINGS UP SLEEVES

Republican Minority in City Council, Encouraged by Their Success, Ready to Embrace Several Neglected Opportunities.

The minority in the Hammond city council has become encouraged by its success in securing the election of August J. Dreesen of Robertdale to membership on the board of public works and it is understood that the leaders of this most potent force in the council have other things up their sleeves.

For some time the fact has been known that there is a well organized minority in the Hammond city council. This minority has manifested power and influence on several occasions. The mayor discovered the fact shortly after his election and took occasion to denounce those who were connected with it. In fact, the organization of the minority had its inception in the bulldozing attitude of the mayor toward the members of the council.

Refuse To Take Orders.  
Had the council been democratic it would have taken the mayor's orders without a word of complaint and Mayor Becker would have been in control of the city council just as he is in control of the board of public works.

But one day there came a break between the mayor and certain members of the council who did not propose to stand for Mayor Becker's dictatorial attitude.

It was the occasion of the presentation, by Mayor Becker, of an ordinance to limit the number of saloons in the city of Hammond. Mayor Becker had prepared the ordinance in advance without consulting any of the members of the council and simply presented it with the request that it be passed at once.

The members of the council were amazed at his audacity. They had been

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## FURNITURE FOR CLUB IS ARRIVING

The furniture for the rooms of the University Club of Hammond arrived this morning and is being installed in the rooms of the club. The furniture has been ordered through the F. S. Betz Company and is the finest club equipment that has ever been installed in a local club.

The floors of the club rooms are receiving their last coat of wax and this afternoon the rugs will be laid. The furniture will probably be installed late in the afternoon and the rooms will, for the first time, present the appearance of completion by Friday night.

On Tuesday the members of the club will give a reception to forty-four newly elected members. This is expected to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year.

While that portion of the club rooms which is completed will be occupied the formal opening of the rooms will not take place until next fall.

The membership committee is busy with another list of candidates for membership and it is expected that the limit of the membership will be reached some time this fall.

## MRS. F. R. SCHAAF TO MEET THE PRESIDENT

Republican County Chairman and Wife Visiting Washington Notables.

Mrs. F. Richard Schaaf is to be introduced to President William H. Taft at Washington. Congressman E. D. Crumpacker has arranged a meeting between the wife of the Lake county man and the president.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaaf are now in Washington and are stopping at the Shoreham. Mr. Schaaf has been in conference with Congressman E. D. Crumpacker and has arranged for a conference with Senator Albert J. Beveridge.

The local republican county chairman will talk over the political situation with the president, senator and congressman and has a good report to make on conditions in this locality.

## STRIKE ON NORTH SIDE OF HAMMOND

A strike involving one hundred men is reported from Robertdale where employees of the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago railway company employed in raising the track on Indiana boulevard, laid down their work because of a refusal of their demand for higher wages.

The foreman of the gang and the leader of the strike are said to have mixed it with the result that the strike leader went to the ground unconscious for about ten minutes.

## E. C. MINAS COMPANY TO OFFER PRIZE

Early Closing Topic for Essays and Enterprising Firm Offers Twenty Dollars in Gold to the Prize Winners in Its Contest.

To encourage those who are literarily inclined E. C. Minas has decided to offer \$20 in gold for the best essays on the subject of early closing.

The prize money is to be divided among the three persons who write the best essays on the subject. The person writing the best essay will receive \$10 in gold, the person writing the next best essay will receive \$5 in gold and the person writing the next best essay will receive \$5 in gold. The contest will close on or before June 30, 1910.

E. C. Minas stated today that he desired to thank his customers and the public at large for their loyal support in upholding the stand he had taken in favor of closing evenings.

He said he had not heard a single complaint from his customers. The contest is arranged for the purpose of hearing what the general public has to say about the movement that the big State street store has inaugurated.

The conditions of the contest are that all essays must contain not less than 100 words or more than 200 words and must be mailed to the Lake County Times and marked "Essay on Early Closing."

The letters must be in on or before June 30, 1910 at which time the contest will close. A committee of three will examine all essays.

## OH, IT WILL BE HOT TIME FOR SHRINE

Walter Hammond, the chairman of the committee of the Shrine which is making arrangements for the receiving of the charter on next Saturday night announces that everything is in readiness for the biggest event in the history of Oak temple.

One of the most elaborate banquets that has ever been served in this city will be offered to the members, an automobile trip over the region is planned for the benefit of those who will be present, the annual election of officers will be one of the events of the evening and then will come the installation of the new officers and the formal receiving of the charter.

The charter will be presented to Oak temple by Elijah J. Jacoby who has been deputized for the task by Fred J. Hines, the imperial potentate. It will be a proud moment when the members of the local shrine receive their charter and become a full fledged shrine. Over 100 acceptances have been received.

## Five Are Arrested.

Five drunks were arraigned before Judge Barnett this morning on the charge of drunkenness. They were each fined one dollar and costs. Their names are S. Woods, Middletown, Ohio; John Anacow, South Bend; William Sherbold, Philip Clute and John McCullough, Hammond.

## Threatens Officer.

Lawrence Stempkowski, a Standard Steel Car company employee, was arrested last night for having threatened Chief Burberich, special officer of the Standard Steel works, with a big knife. His case was continued until next Saturday.

## PRETTY SOCIETY GIRL SAYS DRIVING AN AUTO ACROSS THE CONTINENT BEATS POURING TEA



Miss Blanche Scott, Miss Amy Phillips, Crossing Continent in Auto, Go Through Lake County Yesterday.

Miss Blanche Stuart Scott and her companion, Miss Amy Phillips, a New York newspaper woman, drove through Lake county yesterday afternoon by way of Hobart, Highland and Hammond on their way from New York to San Francisco, in an Overland 38. Miss Scott started from Columbus Circle, New York, on May 1, and was furnished with a sealed message from Mayor Gaynor of Greater New York to Mayor McCarthy of San Francisco. She has with her a bottle of water from the Atlantic which she will pour into the Pacific ocean. The plucky young woman is not permitted to have the services of a mechanic, but must make all repairs with her own hands. She will depend entirely upon her own resources for replacements and repairs, as well as for supplies of gasoline and oil. The strongest argument in favor of her winning the remarkable honor she covets in this trial, is her own ability and an unqualified confidence in her little Overland roadster. "I'll take the car through without mechanical difficulty—no fear of that with this car—and any one can triumph over tire troubles." Miss Scott is a driver of no mean ability, having driven cars for several years. Arrangements had been made to give her a reception in Hammond by the Overland motorists, but she did not drive down Calumet avenue on State street until after 3 in the afternoon and had to make Chicago by 5.

## DEMOCRATS SAY THEY ARE MUCH PLEASED

Brethren Believe They Have a Stem-Winder in Peterson's Nomination.

John B. Peterson's nomination as the democratic candidate was the general subject for discussion in political circles today. But for the few hours yesterday morning when Col. Duffy of Fowler seemed to be the likely candidate, the nomination was conceded to the Crown Point man and the democrats are generally satisfied. Mr. Peterson has not yet announced just how soon he will open his campaign, but already a number of democrats have volunteered to go on the stump for him.

The democrats feel that they have a good man, but speak with a slight hesitancy when attempting to explain just how they expect to make their man look presentable to the average voter, when Peterson is recognized to be one of the leading corporation lawyers of the state. The special session of congress has shown that many democratic congressmen adhered no more to the democratic principle of tariff for revenue only than republicans did, and that in many instances democratic congressmen to protect the interests in their district suggested tariff rates which were considered outrageous by even the highest protectionists. On the other hand, it is known that Congressman Crumpacker was instrumental in bringing down the tariff on at least six hundred different articles. The democrats argue that their candidate is a clean and honorable man and nobody disputes this, but it is being pointed out to them that their candidate has breathed the corporation air for so many years that it may affect his eyesight in legislative matters.

## TOWLE SELLS INTEREST TO HIS COUSIN F. C.

Change in Business Takes Place in Local Circles Today.

Albert E. Towle, for a number of years the junior partner of the firm of Ort and Towle, shoe dealers, has sold out his interest to his cousin, F. C. Towle of this city. F. C. Towle is a brother to George and M. M. Towle, Jr. He is a fireman on the Monon railroad and will follow his occupation leaving the management of the business in the hands of the senior member, J. B. Ort. The business will be continued under the firm name of Ort & Towle. Albert E. Towle may join his father, Amos G. Towle, in the grocery business.

## Baby Martens Dead.

Fredia M. Martens, the four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martens, 450 Plummer avenue, died this morning. The funeral has been arranged for next Sunday and services will be held at 2 o'clock at the house. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

## HALF MILLION A MONTH

The Indiana Steel company of Gary today and tomorrow will start to pay their semi-monthly pay roll which amounts to the gross sum of \$266,395.92 which is an increase of a little over \$3,000, over the preceding pay.

The Steel company now pays out over \$500,000, to its employees monthly and this during the summer month is expected to increase every time. This does not take in the pay roll of the E. J. and E. Railroad, the coke ovens or the work going on at the American Bridge Company and the American Sheet and Tin Plate Works.

## No Public Celebration.

Owing to the lateness of the day at which the movement was begun for the observance of Flag day, on June 14, it was found that the celebration this year would be impracticable and no further steps will be taken for this year. It was the original intention of the promoters to have a nice little celebration at Central park where a flag was to be erected and a silk hoisted with appropriate ceremonies. It is the hope, however, of those who fostered the movement that the day can be made a success next year.

## Disbarred Lawyer Wins S.D. Primary



George W. Egan, Independent Republican, who has been nominated for governor in South Dakota, made his campaign on an appeal to the people of the state against a supreme court order disbaring him for unprofessional conduct as an attorney.

## GARY DEMOCRATS OUT IN THE RAIN

Three Delegates From Gary Refuse to Support Judge J. B. Peterson.

Late yesterday afternoon Mayor Tom Knotts and his two delegates returned to Gary much crestfallen after their failure at the Hammond congressional convention to defeat Judge John B. Peterson of Crown Point.

As a result Knotts has now gotten himself in bad with the Crown Point democrats who are thoroughly angry at his action. It is also understood that Mayor Becker of Hammond and Mayor Darrow of Laporte are also angry at Knotts' action as he and his men were the only three in Lake, Laporte and Newton counties who did not give their votes to the Crown Point judge.

As a result the Crown Point democrats openly intimated yesterday that Knotts was a poor politician and that they would give him and any of his candidates the trimming of their lives when the county convention assemblies. Early in the day the Crown Pointers had figured on a solid (Lake county vote but they were told to watch Knotts. He refused to come in out of the rain despite all pleadings and voted for Honan. According to the story the other two delegates, Messrs. Feuer and McBride, would have been with Peterson but dare not incur Knotts' displeasure.

Other Gary democrats who were present repudiated Knotts' action and informed the Crown Pointers that if the mayor was not with their candidate they were and would vote for him in the fall. The only plausible cause of Knotts' knifing Peterson is that W. C. Crotts has always been a friend and support of the judge and now the Gary mayor was jealous.

## HESSVILLE LADY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. James Vanes, a North Township Pioneer, Is Dead.

Mrs. James Vanes, one of the old residents of Hessville died at 5 o'clock this morning. Her death being due to old age. She had been quite sick for the past week, but during the last few months had been more or less of an invalid.

The funeral has been arranged for next Sunday afternoon. Services will be held at the house at 2 o'clock and interment will be at the Hessville cemetery. She is survived by her husband and her only son, James Vanes, Jr., who is the road supervisor for this district.

There seems to be a conflict of opinion about Mrs. Vanes' age. She herself believed herself to be nearly eighty years old, but according to an older brother who lived in Canada and claimed to be eighty-five years old, Mrs. Vanes figured that she must be about eighty-three.

## SYNDICATE AFTER GARY & I. RY.

Offer of \$500,000 Made to President Frank Gavit for Stock of Thriving Gary-Hammond Interurban

## HAMMOND BUSINESS MAN IS DROWNED

Drowned in the murky waters of the Grand Calumet river between the Nickel Plate bridge and Hohman street in Hammond this morning was the fate of George J. Thiel, a young Hammond man who conducts a saloon at 401 Sibley street. His body was recovered this morning at ten o'clock by officers Mike Herman and William Davis, after the river had been dragged since two o'clock this morning. Thiel fell into the water from the rear end of the motor boat which was occupied by himself, William Brook of 374 Beal avenue chief electrician at the Conkey plant and Peter Helmer, of 45 Sibley street, employed at the F. S. Betz plant. The accident happened about one thirty this morning as the party was on its way home from Pullman where it had spent Wednesday afternoon. Brook and Helmer are said to have admitted that they were under the influence of liquor. Coroner E. M. Shanklin will make a detailed examination into the whole affair.

George J. Thiel is 23 years old and was single. He lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Thiel, 135 Clinton street, and in addition to these is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The funeral has been arranged for next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and will be held under the auspices of the Catholic Columbia league, as he was a member of this order.

Mat Hilbrich was one of the party as it started toward Pullman yesterday evening about 6 o'clock. The hour grew too late for him, however, and he soon left them, preferring to go home via the interurban. He knew nothing of the accident until at an early hour this morning and then left for the river immediately to assist in the search for the body.

The news of the drowning spread early about town. Chief Austgen called out both the day and night force to assist in dragging the river. It was found that the grappling hooks which the police had were ineffective, and accordingly Otto Knoerzer and John E. Fitzgerald, of the O. K. Champion and the distillery, ordered their blacksmiths to make some that would be effective. Mr. Fitzgerald gave the police the use of his motor boat and a man who would handle the boat while the police would take care of the hooks. The hook made by Mr. Fitzgerald was made of a piece of rod iron about six feet long and bent in a V-shape and sharp at the ends. It was found that the grappler caught the drowned man in the belt of his clothes without mutilating the body.

Companions Aid in Search.  
It was after 6 o'clock this morning when the family was notified of the accident, and the mother is almost prostrate with grief over the accident. The body was found about one hundred feet east of the Nickel Plate bridge. The hat of the dead man was found at an early hour this morning, floating in the slip between the Nickel Plate and Hohman street bridges. A string of fish which went overboard with Thiel were also brought up by the grappling hooks. Brook and Helmer assisted in the search from early morning until the body was found.

The body was taken to Emmerring's morgue.

## HATTIE BURNETTE SUES HUBBY FOR DIVORCE

Bank Porter Charged With Serious Offense; Couple Wed in 1900.

Hattie Burnette has brought an action for a divorce in the Lake superior court against her husband, Robert Burnette, who is employed as a porter in the First National Bank at Gary. The complaint states that the couple were married November 11, 1900 and were separated May 15, 1910. It is alleged that Burnette kicked, beat, struck, cursed and swore at the plaintiff. She says she was constantly in fear of her life.

They have a son who is twelve years old. She asks for \$200 alimony and \$150 a year for the support of the child. Attorney H. B. Alexander of Gary is the attorney in the case.

## COBE FOLK AFTER ROAD?

Overtures Are Being Made by Several Parties For the New Line.

It is understood that \$500,000, cash has been offered for a controlling interest in the stock of the Gary and Interurban railroad. The offer is understood to have been made by Fred Mott, representing unknown capitalists, and was refused by President Frank Gavit of the line.

While there is no reliable information on the subject it is believed that the offer came from the Consolidated City Railway's Co. of Chicago which already controls the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago line in Lake County, Indiana and seeks to control the local traction situation in Northern Indiana.

It is also understood that overtures for the purchase of the Gary & Interurban line have been made by other persons and whether they are merely the agents of the same company or represent other interests is not known.

LINE HAS PROSPERED.  
The Gary and Interurban line had its beginning when it was granted a franchise over the most important streets of Gary in the early days following the founding of the city. It did

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## BARNARD ON HIS WAY TO LAKE CO.

State Chemist Says Calumet Region Cities Should Quit Talking Annexation and Pay More Attention to the Water and Sanitation.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 9.—J. H. Brewster, water chemist for the State Board of Health, has gone to Valparaiso to establish a water laboratory for the Valparaiso Water Company. The company has been having some trouble with its water supply and it wishes to find out where the trouble lies. In order to do this it appealed to the State Board of Health and the board decided to send Mr. Brewster to that city to establish a laboratory in which tests may be made.

To Start in Hammond.  
From Valparaiso Mr. Brewster will go to Hammond, where the most serious water situation in the state is presented. Mr. Brewster was in the Calumet region nearly all of last summer with a temporary laboratory for the purpose of making observations and analyses of the water and sewage conditions. This year he will take up the

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## THREE KILLED IN A WRECK

St. Louis, Mo., June 9.—Three men were killed outright and twelve injured at 3 o'clock this morning when the Iron Mountain fast mail for Texas, which carried no passengers, left the tracks near this city and crashed through the brick wall of a manufacturing plant.

The bodies of Walter B. Douglas, engineer, of De Soto, Mo., and R. D. Shepard, fireman, of St. Louis, were not found until long after city firemen, who had responded to an alarm, arrived to aid the survivors of the wreck. The body of Jasper L. Lassiter, mail clerk, of St. Louis was found in his car, which had been crushed by a second car.